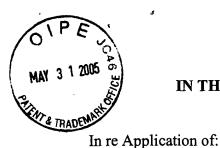
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## AMENDMENT A UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2005, having a shortened statutory period set to expire June 23, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

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